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1. INITIAL ROUND OF RADIO APPEARANCES BY PRESIDENTIAL

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CANDIDATES WAS COMPLETED AUGUST 5 WITH RADIO TALKS BY QUAT-CHAN, DAU-CHIEU, AND HIEP-TRUYEN. NEXT RADIO APPEARANCE FOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 12. NEXT TELEVISION APPEARANCES IS AUGUST 13.

2. IN AUGUST 5 TALK, DZU AGAIN OUTLINED HIS PEACE PLAN (SAIGON A-84). HE SAID THAT VIET-NAM CAN ONLY ACCEPT A "PEACE ACHIEVED IN FREEDOM, HONOR, JUSTICE, AND

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RATIONALITY." HIS PLAN INCLUDES A CEASEFIRE, DIRECT TALKS WITH HANOI, A REQUEST TO THE US TO END THE BOMBING OF NORTH VIET-NAM, OPENING OF A NEW GENEVA CONFERENCE BY THE CO-CHAIRMEN, UN MEMBERSHIP FOR BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH VIET-NAM, AND THE FIXING OF A DATE FOR A REFERENDUM TO REUNITE NORTH AND SOUTH VIET-NAM. HE DID NOT INDICATE THE SEQUENCE OF THESE POINTS.

3. HIEP PRESENTED A FIVE POINT PROGRAM WHICH INCLUDED ENDING DIVISIONS, ESTABLISHING A SYSTEM OF SOCIAL SECURITY, PREPARING FOR A HEALTHY POST-WAR ECONOMY, ORGANIZING A

PAGE 3 RUMJIR 2546 C O N F I D E N T I A L-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE VOLUNTEER FORCE TO GUARANTEE PUBLIC ORDER AND SECURITY, AND THE RESTORATION OF NATIONAL AUTHORITY AND PRESTIGE. HIEP'S RUNNING MATE, NGUYEN THE TRUYEN, TOOK A HAWKISH ATTITUDE AND CALLED FOR THE DEFEAT OF THE COMMUNISTS FROM CA MAU TO NAM QUAN (FRONTIER POST IN NORTH VIET-NAM). HE PROMISED A PROGRAM TO PACIFY SOUTH VIET-NAM AND LIBERATE THE NORTH, SAID PEKING AND HANOI MUST BEAR THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SUFFERING OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE. TRUYEN ALSO APPEALED TO HANOI, PEKING, AND MOSCOW TO OPEN DIRECT PEACE TALKS WITH VIET-NAM AND THE ALLIES.

4. QUAT STRESSED THE NEED OF TRUE DEMOCRACY, STRUCK OUT AT THOSE WHO DEPEND ON FOREIGN POWERS AND DISPUTE OVER NATIONAL LEADERSHIP WHILE OPPRESSION, INJUSTICE AND CORRUPTION SPREAD OVER THE COUNTRY. LOCKE

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